



**John J Legere**  
Chief Executive Officer

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

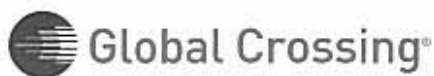
We are writing to congratulate you on your recent appointment to serve as the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). We know that you appreciate with crystal clarity the magnitude of this moment in time in our nation's history. Your stewardship of the FCC during this critical period will directly impact the robustness of broadband infrastructure in the United States in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and our future competitiveness in the global marketplace.

The candor and comprehensiveness of your approach to studying the current state of broadband penetration, demand, and adoption in the United States as you consider the framework for a national broadband plan is to be commended. We applaud the vigor with which you have accepted this task. Similarly, we would be remiss to not observe that despite the economic hardships currently facing this country, broadband penetration and adoption is growing. The nation's largest network operators continue to invest staggering sums of private capital in facilities and research to improve broadband service to all Americans.

As you are aware from your prior business experience in the Internet community, prescriptive regulation and regulatory uncertainty are the enemies of investment. We urge your careful consideration of these important tenets as the FCC crafts its report to Congress and appeal to your business acumen to ensure that the FCC will not elect to impose regulatory hurdles to continued investment in broadband by private industry.

We also respectfully suggest that there are a number of proceedings ripe for consideration currently pending before the FCC that once settled would lend some certainty to the marketplace and encourage further investment in broadband networks. These include, but are not limited to proceedings that consider:

- Reform of the Non-Rural, High Cost Universal Service Fund (CC Docket Nos. 96-445 and 00-256);
- High Cost Universal Service Support reform (CC Docket No. 05-337);
- Special Access reform (WC Docket No. 05-25);



- IP-Enabled Services (WC Docket No. 04-36); and
- Inter-carrier compensation reform (CC Docket No. 01-92).

These dockets address issues which are fundamental to the operation of the industry and greatly impact investment decisions. Final decisions in these dockets are therefore a necessary precursor to the development of a viable broadband plan and indeed can establish core principles for the national broadband plan.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you and your colleagues at the FCC as you consider these important issues and the framework under which a national broadband plan could expedite further the provision of high speed Internet services across the country.

Thank you in advance for the time and consideration you give these matters.

Sincerest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Legere", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John J. Legere

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps, via hand delivery;  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, via hand delivery;  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, via hand delivery; and  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker, via hand delivery.